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REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER, SELECTMEN,

AND

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF SUNAPEE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1876.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

RECEIPTS.

Money in the Treasury, March 1, 1875,	875 63
Received by assessing town tax,	2,000 00
" " State tax,	712 00
" " County tax,	702 50
" " School tax,	623 50
" " School-House tax, Dist. No. 7,	100 00
" " School-House tax, Dist. No. 8,	200 00
" " School-House tax, Dist. No. 9,	13 91
" Surplus on the foregoing assessments,	218 32
" Non-resident highway tax,	43 10
" Dog tax,	60 00
" Collector, 1873,	13 07
" Collector, 1874,	236 28
" Interest on taxes of 1874,	12 50
" Interest on taxes of 1875,	13 16
" County of Sullivan,	484 00
" Savings Bank tax,	318 50
" Literary Fund,	81 70
" Josiah Turner, interest on note,	96 00
" On the estate of Dara S. Eastman,	12 77
Hired of G. E. Lear,	250 00
" E. G. Ryder,	300 00
" Betsey Ryder,	75 00
" H. H. Stickney,	70 00
" J. S. Trow,	100 00
" S. W. Clay,	50 00
" M. A. Beck,	500 00
" S. H. Powell,	400 00
" P. P. George,	90 00
" A. R. Trow,	120 00
" H. W. Dickinson,	200 00
" S. L. Colby,	300 00
" M. C. Cooper,	200 00
" Asenath F. Cooper,	20 00
Total,	28,595 62

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

RECEIPTS.

Money in the Treasury, March 1, 1875,	$75 58
Received by assessing town tax,	2,000 00
" " State tax,	712 00
" " County tax,	762 50
" " School tax,	623 00
" " School-House tax, Dist. No. 7,	100 00
" " School-House tax, Dist. No. 8,	200 00
" " School-House tax, Dist. No. 9,	19 61
" Surplus on the foregoing assessments,	218 32
" Non-resident highway tax,	48 10
" Dog tax,	60 00
" Collector, 1873,	13 67
" Collector, 1874,	236 29
" Interest on taxes of 1874,	12 30
" Interest on taxes of 1875,	13 16
" County of Sullivan,	494 00
" Savings Bank tax,	312 50
" Literary Fund,	81 70
" Josiah Turner, interest on note,	25 00
" On the estate of Ezra S. Eastman,	12 79
Hired of G. E. Lear,	250 00
" E. G. Ryder,	300 00
" Betsey Ryder,	75 00
" H. H. Stickney,	70 00
" J. S. Trow,	100 00
" S. W. Clay,	50 00
" M. A. Beck,	500 00
" S. H. Powell,	400 00
" P. P. George,	90 00
" A. R. Trow,	120 00
" H. W. Dickinson,	200 00
" S. L. Colby,	300 00
" M. C. Cooper,	200 00
" Asenath F. Cooper,	20 00
Total,	$8,695 52

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for support of paupers,	$455 99
" Roads and Bridges,	322 96
" Miscellaneous expenses,	468 46
" On Notes,	3,848 24
" School and other taxes,	2,549 87
Total,	$7,645 52

ABATED TAXES ASSESSED IN 1874.

Sullivan P. Sargent,	$2 04
David McLeod,	2 04

ABATED TAXES ASSESSED IN 1875.

John Angell,	$8 50
Samuel Bailey,	2 55
Nathaniel Batchelder, poll tax,	1 70
Hazen Crowell, poll tax,	1 70
Asahel Lear, dog tax,	1 00
Rufus Case, poll tax,	1 70
Total,	$21 23

RECAPITULATION.

Total Receipts,		$8,695 52
" Disbursements,	$7,645 52	
" Abatements,	21 23	
" Uncollected Taxes,	810 62	
Money in the Treasury,	218 15	
		$8,695 52

BILLS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Levi Colby, note and interest,	$1,515 35
Mary P. Straw, note and interest,	763 31
Lyman Colburn, note and interest,	311 18
Sally Wells, note and interest,	113 40
E. G. & S. G. Ryder, note and interest,	1,350 05
Hiram Newton, note and interest,	1,828 39
William Trow, Jr., note and interest,	568 88
John Angell, note and interest,	563 30
Lemira A. Trask, note and interest,	560 47
Elisha H. Messer, note and interest,	152 67
Nancy Rogers, note and interest,	272 40
John A. Eaton, note and interest,	1,426 29
Phœbe Gillingham, note and interest,	134 62
Edward R. Perkins, note and interest,	100 50
William Trow, note and interest,	208 22
Carlos S. Martin, note and interest,	346 97
Nathan Mudgett, note and interest,	200 90
Amount carried forward,	$10,416 90

Amount brought forward,	$10,416 90
James L. Peasley, note and interest,	55 01
Relief S. Trow, note and interest,	848 67
George E. Lear, note and interest,	339 69
Harvey Brown, note and interest,	124 85
Thomas J. Leach, note and interest,	124 85
Harvey W. Dickinson, note and interest,	565 62
John P. Knowlton, note and interest,	124 40
Lyman W. Clay, note and interest,	111 45
Francena G. Ryder, note and interest,	26 22
Sugar River Railroad notes and interest,	2,615 00
Charles George, note and interest,	233 30
James F. Trow, note and interest,	447 49
John S. Trow, note and interest,	221 85
Juliette K. Boyce, note and interest,	471 45
Polly P. George, note and interest,	311 93
Elijah G. Ryder, note and interest,	314 30
Betsey Ryder, note and interest,	78 24
Henry H. Stickney, note and interest,	72 76
Mary A. Beck, note and interest,	515 17
Sylvester H. Powell, note and interest,	408 06
Abigail R. Trow, note and interest,	121 20
Marva C. Cooper, note and interest,	200 63
Sarah L. Colby, note and interest,	300 95
Asenath F. Cooper, note and interest,	20 00
Literary Fund,	81 70
Total,	$19,141 69

BILLS IN FAVOR OF THE TOWN.

Money in the Treasury,	$218 15
Money in the hands of the Collector,	810 62
Due on the Estate of E. S. Eastman,	168 30
Total,	$1,197 07
Balance against the town,	$17,944 62
Town Debt, March, 1st, 1875,	18,540 73
Interest on debt of 1875,	1,112 44
Total,	$19,653 17
Amount paid on debt and interest,	$1,708 55
Town Debt, March 1st, 1876,	$17,944 62
Reduction of debt,	$596 11

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL C. EASTMAN,
WILLIAM RUSSELL,
EDWARD R. PERKINS,
Selectmen of Sunapee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1876.

Money in the Treasury, March 1st, 1875,	$75 58
Received of Collector for 1873,	13 67
" Collector for 1874,	248 59
" Collector for 1875,	3,946 07
" Selectmen for 1875,	3,579 76
Total,	$7,863 67

DISBURSEMENTS BY ORDERS FROM SELECTMEN ON THE TREASURER.

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid for support of County Paupers,	$364 29
N. S. Clark, medical attendance on Mrs. S. A. Colby,	7 25
C. F. Leslie, medical attendance on Mrs. Muzzey,	7 50
J. M. Collins, moving Mrs. Muzzey to Co. Farm,	10 00
J. W. Merrill, shoes for Mrs. Muzzey,	40
D. G. Knowlton & Son, articles for same,	75
Wm. Russell, clothing for same,	2 80
R. C. Angell, boarding same,	63 00
Total,	$455 99

REPAIRING ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Joseph Young, labor on roads,	2 00
Hazen Crowell, labor on roads,	7 73
John Y. Gardner, labor on roads,	34 07
Loren A. Lear, labor on roads,	4 25
John Cooper, plank for bridge,	1 80
Gilman Whitaker, plank for bridge,	2 61
Albert Runals, plank for bridges,	58 00
Edwin P. Stickney, plank for bridges,	11 00
Hiram Sargent,	1 00

BREAKING ROADS FROM FEB. 19 TO APRIL, 1875.

Paid James F. Trow,	17 20
John M. Cooper,	3 20
N. N. Jackson,	10 20
Sylvanus Hurd,	3 66
Lyman Colburn,	6 15
Joseph Young,	5 10
Amount carried forward,	$167 97

Amount brought forward,	$167 97
Paid James M. Collins,	22 05
Francis Smith,	8 10
David R. Davis,	6 30
Lyman Howe,	6 00
John Y. Gardiner,	30 39
Almon Angell,	9 52
Elijah G. Ryder,	6 75
F. J. Colby,	7 25
H. Batchelder,	5 40
Esek. Young,	3 00
Philip Flanders,	2 85
Alfred Babb,	10 22
Gilman Whitaker,	9 45
Jonathan Russell,	5 41
Josiah Scott,	2 40

BREAKING ROADS FROM DEC. 1, 1875, TO FEB. 22, 1876.

Paid Francis Smith,	4 50
John Cooper,	2 25
Loren A. Lear,	1 50
Hiram Sanborn,	1 15
Willard D. Bailey,	60
Almon C. George,	9 35
Josiah Scott,	75
Total,	$322 96

SCHOOL AND OTHER TAXES.

Paid John M. Cooper, District No. 1,	$91 56
Charles S. Gardner, District No. 2,	118 82
Joseph G. Tucker, District No. 3,	61 41
Josiah Scott, District No. 4,	73 16
Stephen G. Colby, District No. 5,	71 68
Horace R Everett, District No. 6,	33 90
Jeremiah W. Merrill, District No. 7,	77 59
Charles A. Knowlton, District No. 8,	124 66
Reuben B. Muzzey, District No. 9,	70 66
J. W. Merrill, School-House Tax in District No. 7,	100 00
Hiram Sargent, School-House Tax in District No. 8,	200 00
John F. Davis, School-House Tax in District No. 9,	19 61
H. Batchelder, non-resident highway tax receipts,	32 32
State Tax to State Treasnrer,	712 00
County Tax to County Treasurer,	762 50
Total,	$2,549 87

PAID NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

Nathaniel Noyes, in full,	$106 26
Sarah F. Colby, in full,	961 88
Worthen George, in full,	283 30
Sarah J. Eastman, in full,	170 43
Mehitable George, in full,	557 03
Relief S. Trow, on note,	52 00
Sally Wells, on note,	20 00
Lyman Colburn, on note,	50 00
Edward R. Perkins, on note,	97 67
Mary P. Straw, on note,	100 15
Sugar River Railroad, on notes,	477 00
Nancy Rogers, on note,	15 00
Henry A. Dickinson, in full,	957 52
Total,	$3,848 24

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid R. W. Musgrove, Printing Reports in 1875,	$16 00
R. W. Musgrove, Printing Blanks,	2 33
E. C. Converse, Clerk's Record Book,	5 00
E. C. Converse, Blanks,	7 82
D. M. Currier, Certificates of Births and Deaths,	1 00
John Z. Bartlett, damage for new highway, 1874,	12 50
John A. Tucker, Services as Collector in 1874,	3 93
T. O. Dow, opening grave for O. J. Severance's child,	1 50
E. M. Kempton, recording deed,	50
Lyman Colburn, services as Sexton,	12 00
Almon C. George, services as Sexton,	19 00
Walter E. Holmes, services as Sexton,	3 00
John F. Davis, services as Sexton,	3 00
John F. Davis, tolling bell for fifteen deaths,	7 50
John F. Davis, attending funerals with hearse,	33 75
John F. Davis, shingling hearse-house and finding boards,	3 50
Esek. Young, hall for Town Meeting in 1875,	20 00
Esek. Young, keeping tramp,	1 50
Wm. Russell, postage stamps and stationery,	3 04
Charles A. Knowlton, services as Town Clerk,	33 00
Edward R. Perkins, services as S. S. Committee,	38 50
Henry Batchelder, services as Collector,	59 19
Henry Batchelder, State and County Taxes,	3 80
Wm. Russell, 3000 shingles for hearse-house,	7 50
Wm. Russell, 12 lbs. nails,	60
E. Burke, legal advice,	2 00
Amount carried forward,	$301 71

Amount brought forward,	$301 71
Paid S. H. Edes,	2 00
Daniel C. Eastman, services as Town Treasurer,	10 00
Daniel C. Eastman, services as Overseer of Poor,	23 00
Daniel C. Eastman, services as Selectman,	74 00
Wm. Russell, services as Selectman,	43 50
Edward R. Perkins, services as Selectman,	14 50
Total,	$468 46

RECAPITULATION.

Total Receipts,		$7,863 67
Disbursements,	$7,645 52	
Money in Treasury,	218 15	
		$7,863 67

DANIEL C. EASTMAN, *Town Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the above report, and, finding it correct, we accept the same.

WILLIAM RUSSELL, } *Selectmen of*
EDWARD R. PERKINS, } *Sunapee.*

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF SUNAPEE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 14, 1876.

District No. 1.

Summer Term — Miss Fannie T. Angell, Teacher. The order, at each visit made by me, was good, and the closing examination showed a good degree of improvement in the various branches studied.

Winter Term — Mr. Horace M. Felch, Teacher. Mr. Felch at once won the good will of his pupils. The term was profitable to the scholars and pleasant to all.

District No. 2.

Summer Term — Miss Mary E. Babb, Teacher. Fall Term—same teacher. The result of the school year shows that it was wisdom to retain the same teacher for both terms. The order seemed to be sufficiently strict for so small a school, and a fair amount of progress was made. A nice present testified to the esteem in which the pupils held their teacher.

District No. 3.

Winter Term only — Mr. G. F. Farrand, Teacher. The school needed and was fortunate in securing the services of a well-educated teacher. Most of the larger scholars are devoted students, and made very rapid improvement.

District No. 4.

Summer Term — Miss Francena G. Ryder, Teacher. A teacher so well qualified, patient and kind could not fail to win the love of her pupils and to have a pleasant term.

Winter Term — Miss Amelia P. Scott, Teacher. A distinguished writer has said "It is woman's vocation to teach." It certainly is Miss Scott's. Perfectly at home and at ease in the school-room, she lobors with an efficiency which I have never seen excelled.

District No. 5.

Summer Term—Miss Augusta A. Colby, Teacher. Winter Term—same. The progress was steady and rapid, and the moral deportment of the scholars a credit to themselves and to their teacher.

District No. 6.

Summer Term—Miss Manza D. George, Teacher. The teachers' faithful labors were rewarded with success. If Miss George will cultivate the talent she has, and devote herself to the work, she may become a very useful teacher.

Tall Term — Miss Francena G. Ryder, Teacher. Miss Ryder is always and deservedly popular in this district; but, having improved by experience, she was enabled to make this term more profitable than any previous one that she has taught in this school.

District No. 7.

Summer Term — Miss Elvie O. Boyce, Teacher. A very satisfactory term. Order and progress good. Miss Boyce possesses many elements of a successful teacher, and will do well to make teaching her vocation.

Winter Term — Miss C. Nettie Buell, Teacher. Miss Buell was educated in the city and unfamiliar with country schools; but, as she strove to do the best she could, I gave her all the assistance in my power, and sustained her in keeping order. Had the district given the school the moral support which they ought to have done, the term would have been one of average success.

District No. 8.

Summer Term — Miss Inez D. Nelson, Teacher. Fall Term—same teacher. Private Term—same teacher. It is said

to be impossible for a teacher to suit every one; but, so far as I know, Miss Nelson did do it, and that too in a very large district. The deportment and progress of the scholars were excellent.

District No. 9.

Fall Term only — Miss Celia A. Gove, Teacher. The Lower Village was also fortunate in securing the services of a most excellent teacher, who conducted a term successful in every respect, and gave general satisfaction to the district.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In the foregoing you will see that I have studied brevity. I trust, however, that you will perceive my estimate of the several terms as clearly as if the same ideas had been enveloped in a multitude of words. You will notice that I censure no teacher. I think that all our teachers have endeavored to perform their duty faithfully. Some have had advantages over others,—advantages of greater previous experience, of wider intellectual culture, of natural adaptation to teaching, of the support of an appreciative district, etc., — and consequently have been more successful. But I am sure that no one has been culpably remiss in effort for the good of the school under his or her charge. This being true, I have given, as it was my duty to do, a hearty support to every teacher. But this is not the duty of the Superintendent alone. If a teacher is unable, with proper support, to go on successfully with the school, she should be dismissed at once. But so long as she is retained, the interests of the school demand that she receive an earnest support from every citizen. We should think that man wofully deficient in understanding who should employ a laborer to do a piece of work, and then throw impediments in the laborer's way. But not more void of understanding is that man than he who throws his influence against the teacher who has been employed to labor for the instruction of his children. He blindly thinks that he is injuring a teacher with whom he is dissatisfied, but he is injuring his own children—his own flesh and blood—far more. Even if a laborer is not doing all that he ought, how foolish is that employer who should destroy that which he does do! And so, even if a teacher is not all we could desire, how unwise is that parent who by bringing railing accusations against her, so prejudices the minds

of his children that they reap no good whatever! In this matter there are two, and but two, courses of conduct that a wise man can take. He should either support the teacher, or else apply to the Superintendent to have her dismissed. To find fault with her and to obstruct her work while she remains in the school-room, and under pay, is only to make a bad matter worse. A little support will often enable a man to bear up under a heavy load. An additional weight cast upon him will often crush him entirely. The cordial support of the district will often enable the teacher to triumph over every difficulty. The opposition of a district will often thwart her utmost endeavors. Thus the influence of the district may make all the difference between a good and a poor school.

In making these remarks, I have no reference to the citizens of any particular district. I know of no district that gives its school the support which it ought to do. I make them because I believe that there is no one thing that would do so much for the improvement of our common schools as it would to have all parents instruct their children to respect and obey the laws of school. If all parents would instil into the minds of their children a reverence for the school-room as the place in which by proper conduct and reasonable industry they may acquire that which will be of inestimable value to them all through life, and would also ascertain for themselves what their scholars are doing at school, frown upon them for every act of disobodience, and rebuke them for every school-hour passed in idleness, commend them for all right conduct, and manifest a lively interest in all their progress, the moral atmosphere of the school-room would be wonderfully changed, and an impulse given to the cause of education such as it has never yet received.

Asking your candid attention to this matter, as to one of vital importance to your children's welfare; and subjoining in a statistical table the additional items which the law requires, I respectfully submit the whole.

EDWARD R. PERKINS,

Superintending School Committee.

SUNAPEE, N. H., *March* 14, 1876.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Number of District.	Terms.	Length in Weeks.	Number of Scholars.	No. attending each Study.						Number between 5 and 15 not attending schools.	No. between 14 and 21 who cannot read and write.	Amount of School Money.
				Reading and Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	Higher Studies.			
1	Summer	8	21	21	8	13	8	7	0	1	0	$91 56
	Winter	8	26	26	8	19	12	7	3	1	0	
2	Summer	10	21	21	14	18	9	3	0		0	118 82
	Fall	18	21	21	12	19	6	1	1		0	
3	Winter	12	24	24	7	23	3	4	5	0	0	61 41
4	Summer	8	12	12	4	6	2	2	1	0	0	73 16
	Winter	13	12	12	7	8	2	2	1	0	0	
5	Summer	6	18	18	10	9	8	2	0	1	0	71 68
	Winter	12	20	20	12	12	9	4	3	0	0	
6	Summer	8	6	6	5	5	4	0	0	0	0	33 90
	Fall	7	6	6	3	5	3	0	0	0	0	
7	Summer	10	10	10	8	8	3	2	0	0	0	77 59
	Winter	13	9	9	7	7	4	1	0	0	0	
8	Summer	8	46	46	16	24	5	7	0		0	124 66
	Fall	9	44	44	12	43	12	9	1		0	
9	Fall	12	24	24	13	15	3	5	0	1	0	70 16

TABULAR STATEMENTS.

Items.	Amount of Income.			Amount of Expenditure.			Balance.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last account	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]				[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Subscriptions	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]						
Donations	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]						
Legacies	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]						
Interest	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]						
Sundries	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]						
Salaries				[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Rent				[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Printing				[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Stationery				[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Postage				[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Travelling				[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Sundries				[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Balance							[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

No. 2.—Statement of Cash Balance.

Items.	£	s.	d.
Balance per Pass Book on 31st December last	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cash in hand on 31st December last	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Balance in Cash, 10 January 1